IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
		:	Examiner: Alix Echelmeyer
SHINJI ERITATE ET AL.)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 1795
Application No.: 10/559,609)	
		:	Confirmation No. 1529
Int'l Application No. PCT/JP2004/013864)	
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Filed: September 15, 2004)	
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For:	MEMBRANE ELECTRODE)	
	ASSEMBLY, PRODUCTION	:	
	METHOD FOR THE SAME, AND)	
	PROTON-EXCHANGE	:	
	MEMBRANE FUEL CELL)	September 29, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Mail Stop RCE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated June 15, 2009, from September 15, 2009 to October 15, 2009. The \$130.00 fee for the extension is submitted herewith via Deposit Account No. 50-3939. Any deficiency in this fee should be charged, and any overpayment credited, to the same account.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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